II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS *RE* BILLS—*cont.*

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce that the Governor has given his recommendation to the introduction and consideration of the Madras Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1959, in the Legislative Assembly.

VII.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS APPROPRIATION (NO. 3) BILL, 1959.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I move—

That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1959.

The motion was put and carried, and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I introduce the Bill, Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

The House will now rise for lunch and meet again at 3 p.m.

The House then rose.

[After lunch—3 p.m.]

(Mr. Speaker in the Chair).

(2) THE MADRAS IRRIGATION WORKS (CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD BOTHIES) BILL, 1959.

* THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDAMMAL SIMON : Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Madras Irrigation Works (Construction of Field Bothies) Bill, 1959 [a], and move—

That the Bill be taken into consideration.

Sir, it is usual for the Government to excavate at Government cost the main channels and distributaries for irrigating blocks up to fifty acres. It is the responsibility of the ryots to excavate the smaller distributaries necessary for irrigating the individual fields within this block. However, in order to reduce the burden on the ryots, instructions were issued to subordinate officers to acquire lands for distributaries at Government cost for irrigating blocks up to twenty-five acres limit and to construct the smaller distributaries by the Department if the ryots agreed to deposit the cost of excavation. Even this liberalisation of the rules has not had the desired effect due mainly to disagreement among the ryots. In fact difficulties were experienced in the matter of fully developing the ayacut and utilising the irrigation facilities under a project due

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